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SUBJECT: ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION

REF: A. USUN 5461; B. USUN 5736

1. AMBASSADOR CAPANO'S RECENT DEMARCHE (REPRESENTING EC-9) AGAINST ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION. CAPANO SAID HW WAS TOLD BY MOFA VICE MINISTER SATO THAT JAPAN COULD NOT CHANGE ITS VOTE (ABSTENTION) BUT WOULD VOTE FAVORABLY ON ANY MOTION TO POSTPONE PLENARY SESSION VOTE. SATO MADE CLEAR TO CAPANO THAT GOJ WOULD WELCOME SUCH AN INITIATIVE. CAPANO ALSO SPECULATED THAT JAPANESE MIGHT YET BE MOVED TO CHANGE ITS VOTE IF IT BECOMES OBVIOUS THAT ALL OTHER KEY INDUSTRIAL NATIONS WILL VOTE "NO".

2. SUBSEQUENTLY EMBOFF RAISED QUESTION WITH MOFA UN POLITICAL DIV DIR KOBAYASHI. KOBAYASHI DID NOT SEE ANY HOPE OF GOJ TAKING POSITION ON SUBJECT "CLEARLY SO FAR OUTSIDE JAPAN'S CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE." KOBAYASHI WAS IMPRESSED, HOWEVER, BY EMBOFF'S ARGUMENT THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE ANOTHER UNGA ACTION WHICH WOULD SO WEAKEN SUPPORT FOR UN IN US AND WESTERN EUROPE. EMBOFF ASKED CHANCES, IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE JAPAN ATTACHES TO CONTINUED VIABILITY OF UN, OF GOJ'S PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN
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ROUNDING UP SUPPORT FOR MOTION TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF ANTI-

ZIONISM RESOLUTION SINE DIE. KOBAYASHI SAID HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO
PERSUADE FONOFF TO CONSIDERGIVING THAT SORT OF INSTRUCTION TO
GOJ MISSION. HE WONDERED ALOUD WHY AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN HAD NOT
APPROACHED JAPANESE PERMDEL SAITO ON SUBJECT, AND OPINED THAT GOJ
MIGHT WELL RESPOND POSITIVELY TO SUCH AN APPROACH.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY URGES MISSION TO FOLLOW UP OUR PROBE
BY APPEAL TO PERMDEL SAITO EMPHASIZNG POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO SUPPORT
FOR UN BY WESTERN DEMOCRACIES.
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